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Dear Tom:

Received your letter, and was glad to hear from you. I had thought of writing you before but really did not have much to say, or whether I did not know what I wanted to say. I am still a little lost where the baseball is concerned. There seem to me to be so many major problems.

First of all about Semler, I have not been able to find out about him, but if for any reason he did not have a club there is a man in New York with money who would like to have a franchise. This is under the condition he can have New York for a home ground. This partly answers your question to me about my plans. I have pretty definitely decided if each team does not have a home park I can't see my way clear to continue. That to my mind is one of the biggest handicaps of our baseball.

Our next major problem is the ballplayer situation. I had a letter from Posey saying Gosh had been offered such a big salary in South America next season. This is not at all surprising. I am sure they will be after every man that looked good last year, and I expect them all to go. Frankly I don't blame them much. They are getting more money, and our organization is so shaky. After all self preservation is the first law of nature. I wrote Dr. Martin some time ago, and asked him if he did not think we should try and do something about these men being taken from us. I have not heard from him to date. Posey said something in his letter about him having some trouble, and his drug store being closed. Is this true?

I have recently talked to a lawyer here about the players leaving, and he said it would be a very simple thing to get the new men to sign a contract like fight managers have fighters sign which would not permit them to leave you, after you have invested money in their training. He said in his opinion the ones who have gone are just lost. This man said he will be glad to attend our meeting if it